

Photo sets¹

1. General information



1. Bus station



2. View from road



3. View inside village (2004)



4. Clinic



5. School



6. Village Office



7. Reeling silk factory



8. Silk Weaving Factory



9. Rice Wire Mill and Chemical Plant



10. A private enterprise



11. Pulling off the 1st floor



12. Family business



13. Family business



14. Fei visits family business



15. Market



16. A shop



17. Hair dresser



18. Changing a gas cylinder



19. Fishing



20. Farming



21. Harvesting

¹. The photos were all taken by me in 1996 except a few photos taken in 2003 and 2004 by Hui Haimin and Yao Fukun (see dates). They represent only a small part of the material I collected on videotape and camera.



22. Miaogang Laotai temple



23. Remains of Laotai temple



24. Rebuilt Laotai temple (2003)



25. Inside East temple



26. Cleaned up East temple



27. Incenses in burned briquette



28. Inside East temple (2004)



29. Rebuilt East temple (2003)



30. Donations for temple (2004)



31. Inside West temple



32. Cleaned up West temple



33. West temple (2003)



34. A new land god temple (2004)



35. A Christian villager



36. Service in Miaogang



37. Pray for others



38. Zhenze Church



39. Service in Zhenze

2. Events for annual life and production cycles



1. Ancestor worship



2. Lunar New Year's Day (2004)



3. Selling items for worship gods



4. Spring entertainment



5. Evening gatherings



6. Evening gatherings



7. Lunar New Year tea party



8. Tea party for tasting new tea



9. Tea party for cutting rabbits' hair



10. Cutting rabbits' hair



11. Injection for rabbits



12. Wrapping zongzi for Qingming



13. Wrapping zongzi for Qingming



14. Sorting out silkworm eggs



15. "Silkworms flowers"



16. Rabbit hat



17. Long life drops in front & back



18. Tiger hat



19. Tiger suit



20. Making rice cakes



21. Making rice balls



22. Sorting out herbs for summer cakes



22. *Tabing* (summer cakes)



23. Picking broad beans & making summer picnic



24. Summer picnic



25. Visiting the sick with gifts (*wangxin*)



26. Gifts for kitchen god worship during family division



27. Washing chamber pot for mother



28. The elderly still work

3. Life cycle events (1) – Growing up period



1. Natal family bring gifts for before the birth event



2. Visitors in after the birth event



3. One month old birthday



4. *Ataimo* (a goddess)



5. One year old birthday



6. To be a guest



7. School rice balls



8. *Jiujius* bring gifts for sixteen years old birthday



9. The sixteen years old birthday boy worship a goddess



10. Set a fish free

4. Life cycle events (2) – Establishing a marriage relationship



1. Matchmakers and betrothal rite



2. Introducers and engagement



3. Dowry



4. Gift containers on wardrobe of bridal chamber



5. Father carrying bride



6. Mother weeping



7 Jiujiu's gifts



8. Jiujius checking gift money



9. Big red envelopes



10. Loading dowry



11. Lucky bamboo



12. A taking son-in-law (*zhao nuxu*) into family wedding



13. Welcome bride teams – either by boats or vehicles depending on the bride's family's locations



14. Labour support for preparation of wedding banquet

15. Writing a gifts money list



16. Post wedding *wanglai* with agnatic kin of both natal family and married in family

5. Life cycle events (3) – House construction



1. Old house



2. Detached house



2. Semi-detached house



3. Gifts for house construction



4. Setting a foundation stone



5. Putting up 1st floor



6. Putting up roof tree



7. A solid flower pot on roof



8. A large intestine for long life of house



9. A millstone for averting evil



10. Ancestor worship before moving into new house



11. Going to house completion ceremony

6. Life cycle events (4) – Funeral and postfuneral rituals



1. Pay condolences



2. Close relatives gifts for funeral



3. Mourning clothes



4. Daughters wailing



5. Priests chanting



6. Mourning



7. Making mock money



8. Agnatic kin help with funeral feast



9. A Christian funeral mixed with traditional customs



10. Son carrying deceased



10. Back from Crematorium



11. Bury



12. Bury for a Christian



13. Do the first seventh



14. Gifts for the third / fifth seventh day event



15. Priest worship land god, etc.



16. worship kitchen god



17. Worship ancestors



18. Burning for the new ancestor



19. Ritual also for the livings



20. Setting the new ancestor feast



21. Qingming sweep graves